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P&G Case 7995

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

PETER W. HAMILTON, ET AL.

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For HIGH BOND STRENGTH, REPOSITIONABLE ADHERENT SHEET

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 15, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 5 without prejudice.

Please withdraw Claims 58-62 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 14 as follows:

An adherent sheet material comprising at least one adhesive, non-raised 1.(Amended) region protected from inadvertent adherence to a contact surface, comprising: a film having a front face and back face, said front face having a plurality of collapsible, non-adhesive protrusions extending outwardly from said front face and said adhesive, non-raised region disposed between said protrusions, said protrusions having a number density from about 10 protrusions per square inch of said film to about 175 protrusions per square inch of film; and

a substrate layer bonded to said back face of film.

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